

## **Simermeyer, Sequoyah**

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**From:** Hartgrove, Monique  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2012 4:59 PM  
**To:** LeaderCharge, Carol; Simermeyer, Sequoyah; Tsosie, Paul  
**Cc:** Cloud, Laura; Renick, Hillary E; Berwald, Daphne  
**Subject:** FW: Perkins Coie FOIA request to BIA re: Tejon Indian Tribe  
  
**Importance:** High

Good evening Carol:

The following acknowledgment letter is issued to the requester. They are requesting to be notified of estimated costs prior to the process of this request though they have agreed to pay an unidentified amount towards the FOIA fees. We need to get at least a first estimate (in case the cost changes based on search, review, etc...) to them and address any issues regarding that amount and any pre-payment, if any will be needed, prior to any due date. A ten day extension has already been invoked for your office.

This firm has stated they are an "other use" requester. They have not identified whom they represent. For all intended purposes they may be a commercial use requester and you will need to address their need to identify their fee category better by providing acceptable explanation that will support they are representing a specific client(s). It is possible that this FOIA will be tolled which can be done before or after the due date but we want to address those issues as soon as possible and it should be before the date that it is due.

It is not expected as originally thought that Pacific Region will have records. Based on the initial notification issued they will confirm that. Federal Acknowledgement has verified they have no records. Your final reply will need to affirm that a complete search was conducted, namely since this firm has initiated the request to multiple programs and locations. If you need assistance addressing any issues with this requester please contact this office.

**From:** Hartgrove, Monique **On Behalf Of** FOIA  
**Sent:** Friday, January 06, 2012 4:36 PM  
**To:** 'Hancock, Georgia V. (Perkins Coie)'; 'JMacLean@perkinscoie.com'  
**Cc:** Cloud, Laura; Renick, Hillary E; Garcia, Doug; Clifford, Juanita  
**Subject:** RE: Perkins Coie FOIA request to BIA re: Tejon Indian Tribe  
**Importance:** High

January 6, 2012

Ms. Jena A. MacLean  
Perkins Coie  
700 Thirteenth Street, NW Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3960

Re: FOIA Control No. BIA-2012-00422

Dear Ms. MacLean:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Your request regarding materials pertaining to reaffirmation of Tejon Indian Tribe's government to government status was received in this office for processing and assigned FOIA Control NO. BIA-2012-00422. Please reference this number on all your correspondence concerning this request.

We have assigned your request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, for a search of its files and direct response to you. The Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs is responsible for responding to FOIA requests for records in its purview.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs will conduct a search of all respective office(s) in response to your request. Based on the need to coordinate among multiple programs and locations, in addition to the need to consult we are invoking a 10 day extension in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 2.12.

You have stated your firm's willingness to pay fees and requested notification at the beginning of the process of an estimate of costs. Our offices will make every effort to provide you with an estimate as soon as that information can be determined. Likewise you have identified yourself as an "other use" requester on the basis that "this information is critical to our informed representation of our Indian law clients." The Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs will communicate with you on any scope and/or fee related issues. You may expect to hear from them soon.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office by telephone at (202) 208-4542 or (202) 208-4174, by fax at (202) 208-6597, or by e-mail at [foia@bia.gov](mailto:foia@bia.gov).

Sincerely,

Monique Hartgrove for  
Laura Cloud  
Indians Affairs FOIA Officer

**From:** Hancock, Georgia V. (Perkins Coie) [mailto:GHancock@perkinscoie.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 04, 2012 4:58 PM  
**To:** FOIA  
**Cc:** MacLean, Jena (Perkins Coie)  
**Subject:** Perkins Coie FOIA request to BIA re: Tejon Indian Tribe

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of my supervising attorney, Jena MacLean, please see the attached FOIA request, addressed to the attention of the following FOIA contacts:

Ms. Laura Cloud, FOIA Officer, Office of Asst. Secretary/BIA  
Mr. Douglas Garcia, FOIA Coordinator, BIA Pacific Regional Office  
Ms. Juanita Clifford, FOIA Coordinator, OFA/AS-IA

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. MacLean should you have any questions. Thank you in advance.

Very truly yours,

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